

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

To overcome the objections to the previous drawings, applicant encloses herewith a replacement sheet for the drawings labeled "New Sheet".

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, the claims in the application are amended claims 3, 4, ~~1-20~~ ^{and 7-10,} and previously presented claims 11-13 and 16-20.

The last OA states that the previous claims 3, 4, 7, 8, 10-13, 16, 17, 19 and 20 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as set forth in the last OA.

Claims 3, 4, 7 and 8 have been amended to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, and thereby making claims 3, 4, 7, 8, 10-13, 16, 17, 19 and 20 allowable by having overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

The last OA states that previous claims 9, 14, 15 and 18 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 9 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and thus presents claim 9 in allowable form. This also makes claim 18, which depends from claim 9, allowable.

In response to the objection to the drawings set out in the last OA, applicant submits herewith new drawings labeled in the top margin as "New Sheet".

In response to the objection to the specification in the last OA, applicant has amended the specification to overcome these objections.

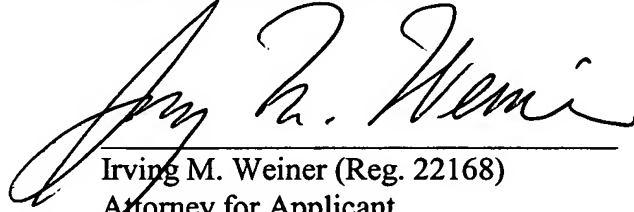
It is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance, and a notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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If the Examiner is not convinced that the application is now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner promptly telephone the undersigned attorney for applicant to facilitate the prosecution, and/or to narrow the issues for appeal, if necessary.

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

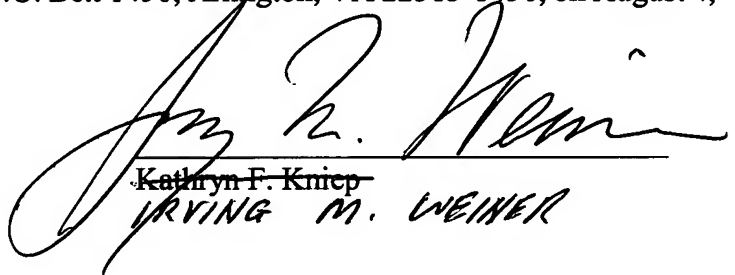


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